

April 27, 2021

## **VIA E-MAIL**

Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: <u>Securities Exchange Act Rel. 34-91038 (SR-NYSEArca-2021-09)</u>

Dear Secretary:

NYSE Arca, Inc. filed the attached Partial Amendment No. 1 to the above-referenced filing on April 27, 2021.

Sincerely,

V

Encl. (Partial Amendment No. 1 to SR-NYSEArca-2021-09)

## Required fields are shown with yellow backgrounds and asterisks.

OMB Number: 3235-0045 Estimated average burden hours per response......38

OMB APPROVAL

Page 1 of * 3	SEC		EXCHANGE ( TON, D.C. 2 orm 19b-4					- 2021 - * 09 endments *) 1	
Filing by NYSE Arc	a, Inc.								
Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934									
Initial * Amen	dment * Witl	ndrawal	Section 19(I	o)(2) *	Sectio	n 19(b)(3)(A	s) * s	ection 19(b)(3)(B) *	
Pilot Extension of for Commiss	1)2	ite Expires *			19b-4(f)	(2) <b>1</b> 9k	0-4(f)(4) 0-4(f)(5) 0-4(f)(6)		
Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010 Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant									
Section 806(e)(1) *		tion 806(e)(2) *				to the Securities Exchange A Section 3C(b)(2) *		ge Act of 1934	
Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document									
Description  Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).  Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 6.86-O to Eliminate the use of Dark Series on the Exchange									
Contact Information  Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.									
First Name * Kathlee	t Name * Kathleen		Last Name * Murphy						
Title * Senior	Senior Counsel, NYSE Group Inc.								
E-mail * Kathlee	E-mail * Kathleen.Murphy@theice.com								
Telephone * (212) 65	66-4841 Fax	(212) 656-8101							
Signature  Pursuant to the require  has duly caused this f		_		hereunto d	luly author (Title *)	ized.			
Date 04/27/2021 Associate General Counsel									
By Clare Saperstein									
(Name *)									
NOTE: Clicking the button at right will digitally sign and lock this form. A digital signature is as legally binding as a physical signature, and once signed, this form cannot be changed.									

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information \* clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \* in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Add Remove View Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \* guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices. Written Comments. Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy Partial Amendment proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if Add Remove View the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

SR-NYSEArca-2021-09, Partial Amendment No. 1

NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange") hereby submits this partial amendment to SR-NYSEArca-2021-09 (the "Filing") in connection with the proposal to amend Rule 6.86-O (Firm Quotes) to eliminate the use of dark series on the Exchange. The Exchange proposes the following amendments to the Filing:

1. Insert the following text as a new paragraph after the paragraph in progress on page 5 of the Filing and before the first full paragraph on page 14 of the Exhibit 1:

In an effort to quantify the percentage of quotes in dark series that the Exchange has suppressed (i.e., not disseminated to OPRA), the Exchange reviewed the eighteen (18) trading days between March 1, 2021 and March 24, 2021. During that time, quotes in dark series accounted for 2.43% of NYSE Arca quotes and 1.99% of NYSE American LLC ("NYSE American") quotes. fn Quotes in dark series averaged 0.174% on NYSE Arca and 0.190% on NYSE American when compared to the total OPRA disseminated quotes during the same period. On March 4, 2021 and March 5, 2021, OPRA processed the most messages in its history. On March 4th, quotes in dark series from NYSE Arca and NYSE American combined for 0.5095% compared to OPRA message traffic. On March 5th, quotes in dark series from NYSE Arca and NYSE American combined for 0.2562% when compared to OPRA quote volume. Thus, eliminating the suppression of quotes in dark series would result in a *de minimis* increase in quotes sent by NYSE Arca and NYSE American to OPRA and have essentially no impact on messaging at an industry level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>fn</sup> The formula used for calculating the percentage of quotes in dark series (or "Suppressed Quotes") as a percentage of Total Quotes on each of NYSE Arca and NYSE American is ((Quotes Suppressed) + (Quotes Published to OPRA) = (Total Quotes)).